



AN OLD LOMBARDY POPLAR IN CHINESE TURKESTAN.

This old specimen of the so-called Lombardy poplar, *Populus italica*, is said to be 125 years old. It stands at the edge of a pond at Bas-Lengar, Chinese Turkestan. To Mr. Meyer it seems very likely that these so-called Lombardy poplars originated in central Asia, for one finds them in such numbers and in such out-of-the-way places and of such ages that it appears most unlikely that they should have been brought in from southern or western Europe. Photographed (P5636FS) by Frank N. Meyer at Bas-Lengar, Chinese Turkestan, December 7, 1910.